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LETTER DATED 25 MARCH 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to enclose, herewith, a note verbale dated 28 February 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran (see annex).

It would be appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Hadi NEJAD-HOSSEINIAN
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Annex

Note verbale dated 28 February 1998 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran

The Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in Tehran and has the honour to state the following:

Relevant Iranian authorities have reported that an Iranian fishing motor boat sank for unknown reasons on the Iraqi side of the Shat-al-Arab river across from the Abu Folus canal of Iran on 5 November 1997. Iraqi personnel saved its nine crew members and took them to Faw for investigation.

The names of the crew members are as follows:

1. Abdol-Ali Pur Khalilavi
2. Hamid Tayebi
3. Abbas Sameri
4. Naser Taeebi
5. Fazel Taeebi
6. Amin Taeebi
7. Tofigh Khalilavi
8. Abdol-Hossein Moavi
9. Parviz Beheshti

While expressing appreciation for the humanitarian efforts of the Iraqi personnel in saving the lives of the Iranian sailors, the Foreign Ministry of the Islamic Republic of Iran expects the Government of the Republic of Iraq to take the necessary urgent measures to set them free as soon as possible.